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SUBJECT: UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA

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1. MISOFF MET WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH AT FRENCH MISSION
JANUARY 16, TO DISCUSS UPCOMING UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON NAMIBIA. FRENCH OBSERVED THAT THEY HAD MET WITH UN COM-
MISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MACBRIDE JANUARY 15, AND THAT LATTER,
WHO IS ACKNOWLEDGED TO HAVE DRAFTED SWAPO TEXT (USUN 6050
NOTAL), BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE BASIS FOR EVENTUAL RESOLUTION.
FRENCH CAME AWAY FROM MEETING WITH MACBRIDE WITH FEELING
THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DELETE REFERENCE TO "THREAT
TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY" FROM OPERATIVE PARA 3.
FRENCH AND BRITISH, BOTH OF WHOM UNDERLINED THAT THEY WERE
SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, SAID THAT THEY BELIEVED IT WOULD
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BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ACCEPT INSTEAD LANGUAGE FROM

OPERATIVE PARA 9 OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 301, UK AND FRENCH BOTH STATED THAT REFERENCE TO "THREAT" WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND THAT THEY WOULD VETO.

2. FRENCH BELIEVE THAT WERE PHRASE IN OPERATIVE PARA 3 CONCERNING "THREAT" DELETED, PART OF PRICE WOULD BE A FORMAL VOTE, RATHER THAN ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS. BRITISH NOTED THAT WERE PHRASE DELETED, THEY MOST PROBABLY WOULD ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. ACCORDING TO FRENCH, MACBRIDE BELIEVES THAT IF SECURITY COUNCIL FAILS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION, DAKAR CONFERENCE PROPOSAL CONCERNING "UNITING FOR PEACE" ACTION COULD WELL MATERIALIZE. THREE AT MEETING AGREED THAT SAG INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, AND STAGING FROM NAMIBIA, WOULD PREOCCUPY MOST OF DEBATE.

3. BRITISH ALSO DESCRIBED CHANGES THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MADE IN OPERATIVE PARAS 4, 5, AND 6, AS FOLLOWS:

OPERATIVE PARA 4 TO READ: "REJECTS THE AMBIGUOUS REPLY OF SOUTH AFRICA TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 366 (1974) AND DOES NOT CONSIDER THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN WINDHOEK AS AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS; ON THE CONTRARY, ETC."

OPERATIVE PARA 5: DELETE TWO PHRASES "AND CONTROL", AND INSERT "FOLLOWING THE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES." FOLLOWING "BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE".

OPERATIVE PARA 6: DELETE "AND CONTROL".

4. CONCERNING TACTICS, BRITISH AND FRENCH PLAN NOT TO APPEAR NEGATIVE OVER THIS DRAFT, IN ORDER TO AVOID TOUGHER LANGUAGE COMING INTO PLAY. TOWARD MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, THEY WOULD PROPOSE INFORMALLY USE OF RESOLUTION 301 LANGUAGE TO REPLACE THAT OF OPERATIVE PARA 3. BRITISH PLAN TO MEET WITH ZAMBIAN PERM REP KAMANA JANUARY 20 TO DISCUSS NAMIBIA, AND WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING MORE CONCERNING OUR VIEWS BY THEN. MISOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF PARA 3, REFTEL.

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